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Bishop Ford Diocesan High School, Brooklyn, N. Y.

# FRANCISCAN DRIVE SOARS DEATHS SHADOW HIGH OVER \$20,000 GOAL PT INTERVIEWS

The Franciscan Brothers Guild received the complete endorsement of the entire student body and their families. Indeed, so many contributed from so many different areas that the drive could hardly be called regional. The goal had been set for \$22,000 which was to be raised by securing memberships in the guild, within the period of one week. When all the singles, fives, tens, and other currency denominations were counted by Brothers Aloysius and Sean the figure reached close to \$27,000. Such a demonstration of loyalty and enthusiasm must be recorded in the annals of Ford History. 100% cooperation is certainly too much to be expected, but that's what was achieved.

Sophomore class 204 totaled the highest amount of money as well as the highest percentage in the school. They were followed closely by class 201. Both of these classes reached 200% of their quota and their class officers and students must be gratefully commended. These classes will be joined by the two highest freshmen classes, 107 and 108 respectively, on a trip to Bear Mountain in order to engage in the winter activities for which that area is noted. The date for the bus ride has not been announced but the trip takes place within weeks.

#### Conway Receives Top Prize

Edmund Conway totaled \$417 for the highest total in the school and received the \$100 prize for his Fordism (school spirit). Gerry Bianco, 108, amassed at total of 406 dollars in memberships and took the \$75 prize. Gerry commented that he'd be second any time for 75 bucks. Third highest students was Bruce Humenick, 201. Bruce gratefully accepted his \$50 third prize.

Other awards were given; they are as follows:

Highest freshman and sophomore award-\$35.00

(1) Joe Diorio-205

(2) Thomas Yen-107

In addition, twenty five dollars was awarded to the student in each class who received the highest total for membership in the FBG.

#### 25 Cruise To World's Fair

ty five students in the school will be treated to an all paid trip to the World's Fair. They will be transported to the fair by the World's Fair Showboat and given admission proofed and boast of practice rooms tickets to the fair and exhibits. To  $\mid$  and the newest instruments. What culminate a day of treats, these stu- remains, is strong patience and willdents will be dining at the Top of the Fair Restaurant where they will learn what the real meaning of gracious dining is.

There are in addition, trips to the United Nations, and other many prizes which were offered to the students.

These, however, are only token thanks to the entire student body and their families without whose assistance the marvelous success of the drive would have not been accomplished.



SMILING BROTHER Timothy gratefully awards three top students with cash prizes. Students are (l. to r.) Conway, Bianco, and Humenick.

## ALL 112 PRACTICE MUSIC AT ONCE!!!

The school band, another part of the school's expanded cultural program, is under the direction of Mr. Charles Bellavia. At present the one That's not all, folks. The top twen- hundred twelve student membership practice each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Most of these students have never played a musical instrument and hence the process must necessarily be long before the end result of a symphonic band is achieved.

The band does enjoy the fine facilities of the bandroom which is sound-

ingness on the part of the students. At the present time, director, facilities and student enthusiasm would promise great achievement in this cultural field.

Naturally, no special recital is planned at present, but chances are the band will be heard from at the time of the Dedication of the school which we expect will be sometime in the Spring. Eventually, Spring and Christmas Concerts will be programmed and the band will be available for socials

Brother Matthias, who is an organist, is Moderator.



At 8 P.M. on Monday, November 25, Brother Timothy opened the Parent-Teacher Interview in the auditorium with a prayer for the repose of the soul of Brother Conrad and of President Kennedy. He spoke with sadness for this was the very day of both funerals. He said that the primary purpose of this meeting was ence. The Principal explained the required grades for college entrance and stressed the importance of the individual mark rather than the average mark.

Plans for the organization of a Fathers' Club whose purpose will be to promote a closer working union explained that certainly the school is willing to accept responsibility for the development of the students; however, it could not substitute for the parental responsibility to educate the student and to rear him as a true Catholic. The Guild and the Fathers' Club will be organized very soon. The Moderators have recently been appointed. Brothers Aloysius and Emmett will meet with the Mothers; Brothers Liguori and Fabian will work with the Fathers.

After the Principal's address, the parents proceeded to the cafeteria where they were able to speak individually with the teachers. The lines were too long and the administration plans to alleviate this unforeseen condition at subsequent

#### WHO'S IN FIRST? Dear Father McCarthy: **MURPHY-OF COURSE**

During the first marking period, Robert Murphy of 201 retained the highest honor with a 93% average. Last year as a freshman, Bob headed the scholar's list during each period. Holy Family Parish can well be proud of this representative at Ford. Other students receiving first honors are the following:

Student	Class	Average
Murphy, Robert	201	93
Turturro, Angelo	201	92
Manza, Paul	202	92
Tesoriero, Philip	202	92
Powers, Drew	101	92
Krzemienski, Alex.	201	91
Sena, Frank	203	91
Pinto, John	101	91
Ciraulo, Joseph	106	91
Giordano, Angelo	201	90
Jaccarino, Michael	201	90
Maher, Brian	201	90
Mullen, John	201	90
Sclafani, Richard	201	90
Holt, Francis	101	90
Whiting, Thomas	101	90
Lingua, Robert	102	90
Savarese, George	105	90

## Welcome to promote a closer working union between the parents and the school were announced. Brother Timothy explained that certainly the school is



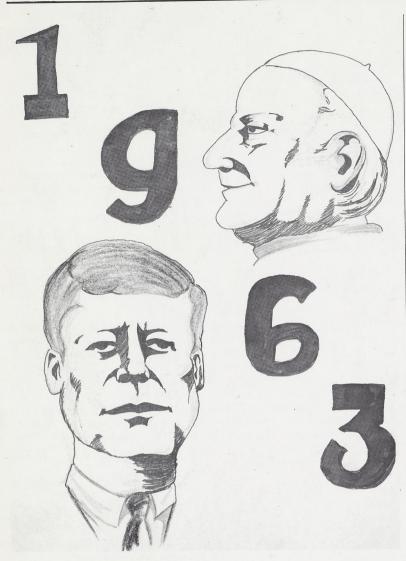
If this letter of welcome had been composed earlier this term it might have rung with platitudes of our welcome to you as a member of the staff of Bishop Ford High School. Six months later that welcome to you is most sincere for we have gotten to know you and now appreciate you as a friend and wise counsellor.

You have made yourself available giving us every opportunity to bring our problems and to use the Sacrament of Our Lord's mercy. Your advice has been practical and your corrections are kind. It is our view that the high priest would handle the students in the same way.

It is our hope and prayer that you be assigned to Bishop Ford for many years and that generations of students will benefit the same understanding and foresight which is given to us now.

> Sincerely, The Students

BEWARE OF THE BEARS



## Two Men Named John

History will record the importance of the year 1963 in the biographies of two men. These men were quite unalike in many ways. One was youthful and handsome, the other homely and aged. One was born wealthy and free, the other poor and peasant. Both of these men were named John.

Yet, accepting the differences, there were many similarities besides the name. Both held power—one President, the other Pontiff. Both were courageous; intelligently aware of the evils which men had wrought in the world and urgently seeking every cure to efface them. Both were impetuous—the youngest President forming the Alliance from Progress and enlisting America for a Peace Corps, the Oldest to be elected Pope, calling a world Council and initiating reforms within the Church, the inpact of which hast still to reach and destroy complacency and Christian mediocrity. Both had a quality rarely possessed by men—each was keenly conscious of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of humanity. Both men were indeed Christian.

Both were taken from our midst in a manner which the world calls "untimely." Never before that the family of humanity felt such deep pain and personal loss at a passing. All knew that the world's kindliest Grandfather and its most solicitous Father were dead and their loss was truly unbearable.

But Pope John has died and the President has been murdered. Our sorrow will be empty indeed if their finest ideals do not become part of us. Their memory is mocked if their goals and examples are permitted to die with them. Both Johns were wonderfully human. Both Johns most assuredly made mistakes, but both Johns loved us and died that our lives would be better preparations here for the one which is yet to come.

There lived in our times two men named John. We loved them. Please God, may their memory of goodness and joyful sacrifice inspire us to live worthily of God our Father by being dedicated to the betterment of our fellowman. We are happy to be confident that both Johns are enjoying eternal friendship in the company of their beloved Father. May they rest serenely in peace.

# Pulse Beat

#### **OUESTION:**

What criticisms or activities would you suggest in order to improve the work of the Student Council?

#### JOHN WESTRICK-102

Brother Timothy's power of veto should be eliminated; but I like to dream

#### ANGELO TUTURRO-201

More work should be done on enriching the sports program—not those sports which forsters spectators—but intramurals which encourages participants.

#### JOSEPH NUGENT-206

A shorter homeroom. We are in class for 5½ hours. The last half-hour although the announcements are important, they never need take 30 minutes—both teachers and students complain about this useless waste of time.

#### AL ZAFFARO-106

Student Council should request cleaner windows in the cafeteria or the purchase of drapes. Music would be nice during lunch too.

#### AUGUST CAMMAROTA-208

More authority by the power to give jug when the occasion warrants.

#### HENRY ARROYO-112

There is lack of organization on the Student Council. The officers are taking care of all details and are not appointing committees to work for the various programs.

#### JAMES FITZGERALD-202

They have too many dances on their minds. They should not think of one segment exclusively. They should think of all programs in the school.



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# ONCE OVER WHO'S CHANGING THE MASS

The questions which are being asked by so many people these days about all of the changes which are about to take place in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass really should have been asked centuries ago. Actually what the Vatican Council is intending to do is to restore the Mass to what Christ originally intended it to be; namely, a spiritually moving and instructional experience. These first steps of the Council and the subsequent actions of the American Bishops should be praised by Catholics, but especially by Catholic Youth who will be in a position to benefit from this renewal on the part of the Church.

First of all he must be aware that the Church is Christ and that we are corporately living the Christ-life and therefore we are the Church along with Christ. Hence, any action of the Church, particularly the action of the Mass, is truly our action. We are not bystanders, we are not on lookers. Indeed we are united to Christ as the Church offers Him for the needs of all mankind.

Secondly, the Christian must be made aware that he possesses a priestly dignity in truth and not in fiction. By Grace we are grafted to Christ more so than any branch grafted to the Vine. Christ is the High Priest, we are part of his existence and therefore are offering to the Heavenly Father this Victim of Christ and ourselves. How this realization should cause a renewal in our own lives. Any fault and sinful habit is unworthy of us because of our dignity. We are men living in the Bloodstream of God.

Catholics have become complacent and unaware of their role of the Christ life. To overcome the inertia, it will be necessary to be potently assisted by God. As Members of the Mystical Body let us urgently pray for one another, that we receive the grace at least now to begin to live with Christ with fervor. For too long we have ignored his Divine Presence, it is high time that we begin to evaluate ourselves and effect a "new man" in ourselves.



# **Emily Post Agrees With Paul**

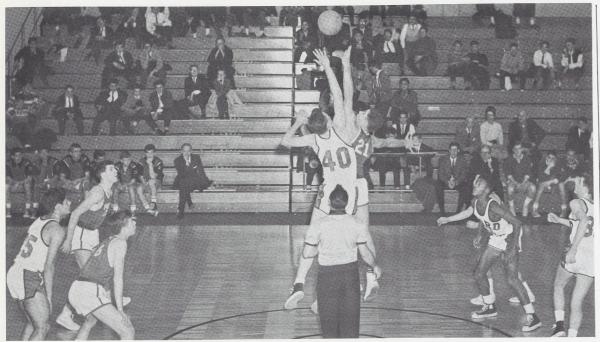
Saint Paul tells us that we are nothing without Charity. The real sign of a follower of Christ is the love which he gives and expresses for his brother. The highest Christian ideal is to love our neighbor because he has been made in the image of God. Every student of Bishop Ford High School must develop this virtue or else his education here is a waste of time. There is really nothing more important.

Charity, however, has many faces. It might be almsgiving, it might be a kind word, it might be saying nothing, it might be correcting another for a fault, it might be an act of thoughtfulness. However, every high school student does have one particular manner of demonstrating their Christianity and that is by proper conduct on public transportation.

There is no excuse for loud talking, pushing, ridiculing and the many other abuses some of which are of a most serious nature while on a public conveyance. True, you're representing your school, your parents, your faith, but in a much larger sense you're representing Christ. So often we are unaware that others desire comfort and we selfishly seek only to have our fun and please

Let every student here be aware of this very serious responsibility and put courteousness into practice. You are wrong if you ignore proper conduct and are missing the whole point of Christian education. Let Ford students remind each other of this responsibility. Even one student selfishly misbehaving is intolerable.

# YOUNG FALCONS PREY ON OLD POWERS



FALCON J.V. PLAY LIKE league leaders. As a matter of fact they are leading CHSAA section with 10-1 record. Falcons seen left to right are Assiff, Toulen, Mumford and Cutrone.

# No Cancer In Kegler's Strikes FROSH HARRIERS ARE BORO CHAMPS

To date, Bishop Ford Keglers are tied for fourth place in the twelve team Catholic High School Bowling League. For those unfamiliar with the league method of scoring, every meet consists of two teams rolling two games each. A point is given for each game won and another to the team whose total score in two games (total wood) is the highest. Although Ford faces senior and junior competition in the league, the Falcons have done remarkably well.



MIKE MONGELLI receives first place award from league President, Brother

shut-out Saint Augustine, Mater Pivinski and Mike Angelone. Christi, Saint Leonard, Msgr. Mc-Clancy and Brooklyn Prep. Tough foes Saint Francis, Loughlin and Xaverian blanked the Falcons. Ford also held a 2-1 edge over Trinity while Saint John's high wood gave them the 2-1 victory.

During the league play, last year's veterans Alex Pagliuca and Joe Nugent have returned along with Tony Durso. Both Alex and Joe have received trophies for their 234 and 202 games respectively during league competition. Four outstanding freshmen completed the seven man squad; tails will follow later.

In the first-half of the season Ford | Mike Mongelli, Frank Seggio, Bob

Mike Mongelli was the S.H.S.B.L Individuals Tourney winner. Facing the best in Catholic High Schools on Long Island on December 23, Mike's 212 high game kept his series score beyond reach of competitors. Mike received his first place trophy from the league President Brother Robert, F.C.S.

All in all, a successful season and it isn't over yet. Maybe a "star will be born" during bowling intramurals which will begin in February. Brother Aloysius, J.V. Moderator, will also handle the intramural program. De-

### LET'S GO FORD GO

While the Sophs were copping medals our Frosh Cross-Country team didn't sit back and watch. They romped over every other Freshman team in Brooklyn. The following is the order of finish: Tom Bryant (2), Mike Grannum (6) and Bob Munro (8). Buonomo, Donohue, Guilfoyle and Loinez also finished in the top 20. Their efforts resulted in receiving The First Place Brooklyn Championship Plaque and 14 medals-7 gold, 1 silver and 6 bronze.

In the Frosh-Novice we picked up six medals although there was no official team score.

Out of the three dual meets we had so far this year, we are undefeated. The triumphs came against St. Francis Prep, Xavier and Nazareth.

The Varsity school record in Cross-Country was set by FitzGerald. His time of 14:37 was set in the 1963 Brooklyn Championships. The Frosh record was set by Ed McHale in 1962; his time was 6:33.5 in the Brooklyn Sectionals.



GREG FITZGERALD seems to be eyeing the future with talent and success working for him.

The Falcons have really been soaring high this season. In their first year of JV competition, they have reeled off six straight victories and have an overall mark of 8-1, good for a second place tie in the CHSAA league.

In compiling their fine record, they have knocked off many of the old basketball powers. They are really the surprise of the

Most of the credit lies with the team itself. They have not given up once this season and have come from behind in a good dial of their victories. To prove this, even their ones loss was by only two points, 45-43 at the hands of Christ the King.

The team leaders this year have been Gene Mumford, Doug Assiff, and Lee Cutrone. But to single out these men as the unit would be great injustice to the team. It has truly been a team effort.

They opened the season with a 40-35 win over Reilly. Nazareth was the next victim by a 47-39 margin. The Falcons came from behind in this

Without the cheers of the home crowd, they lost at Christ the King. This wasn't much of a letdown, for in the net game we outplayed Brooklyn Prep in every way for an easy 54-39 win.

From here we moved out to Farrell (S.I.) We didn't need the home crowd here, as Ford gained a 57-36 victory. We next played at Nazareth and won 51-39.

Then came the game that we all had been waiting for. It was a big game for the teachers as well as the players. Nobody left the gym dejected except St. Francis who blew a lead and lost 44-39. St. Peter's was next in line. They were taken by



six, 53-47. Farrell came to our gym for a rematch and were defeated by a whopping score of 69-56.

The team is under the able leadership of Mr. Keegan and Brother Dermot, who coached the Frosh so successfully last season.

The team is opening up a wide future with hopes of a City Championship this season. Let's go Bishop Ford.

# MENTOR AND PRO TEAM UP AGAIN



MR. RAY NASH

Frank "Chick" Keegan, Coach of our J.V. basketball team, was born in 1907. He attended St. Agnes Grammar School and St. Francis Prep H.S. He coached at Trinity, Loughlin, and St. Francis Prep, where he led the Terriers to eight Brooklyn and six City Championships. He also led them to two City Baseball titles. Mr. Keegan spent a total of 17 years at St. Francis, and on his baseball teams he had such players as Joe Torre of the Braves and Paul Speckenbach, promising youngster from the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Mr. Keegan thinks the Facilities at Ford are far superior to those of any other school. If his dreams come true you'll be seeing the Falcons playing in and winning the City Champion-

Mr. Ray Nash, Physical Education director here at Ford, began his education under the tutelage of the Franciscan Brothers at Our Lady of Good Counsel School in East New York. While there, he played for Brother Owen's Diocesan Championship team. Mr. Nash continued at Saint Francis Prep and then Saint Francis College, where his ball handling and drive did much to bring his team to the Garden for the 1964 N.I.T.

Besides being Phys. Ed. Director he is coach of our Frosh basketball squad. Although our young team is suffering from a losing record, Mr. Nash's personal experience and ability, added to his sincere interest in each Falcon, will harvest hard-working and skilled players.



MR. "CHICK" KEEGAN

## SPARKS FROM THE SPEAKER

The harmless box in front of the room and suspended from the wall is by no means a harmless piece of construction. It really possesses devastating power. It has all control over a teacher; as soon as the "click" first comes on, the teacher quakes and examines thoughtfully his remarks. This Box acts the part of supervisor of schools and Principal, all in one. When a voice is heard, the teacher breathes a resounding sigh, for he realizes that box was not tuned to audit but to voice.

When that ominous voice speaks, mortal silence pervades and tense nerves buckle beneath the skin. At any moment an edict effecting the lives of all of us may be pronounced, and to the potentate with the 6" by 8" proportions there is no recourse. With the dynamic observance of tradition, it always begins, "YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!" Stiffly, necks are strained to absorb these daily reproofs; faces in contortion as the penalties are pronounced. The Box continues as follows:

We wish to congratulate the freshman team for showing up on Sunday.

Jug will be held in rooms 227, 228, 229, the auditorium, the gymnasium and the cafeteria at dismissal. If Mr. Lulo has jugged anyone else, come to the office now.

Mr. Peter Culkin from Buffalo has announced that he will run against Brother Emmett for Librarian. He has yet to announce his running mate.

Some students are not wearing their tuxedoes at the basketball games. Unless you comply you will not be permitted in the gym. If your girl friend comes, let her know that she has the responsibility to dress too.

Brother Sean requests that this announcement be made: The Terriers defeated Chaminade 84-57. The Saint Francis Photo Club is meeting in the Prep library at dismissal. All invited. The Prep Yacht Club will meet in the water. Brother Sean will be there.

This is the time for the annual collection of food items for the needy. Ford has been asked to donate carrots. Brother Liguori is in charge.

Brother Dermot in consultation with Brother Fabian and with the approval of Brothers Timothy and Alphonsus requests that students heed the latest medical report on smoking and give it up. All it takes is a little willpower.

And so the days announcements continue to pour forth from the rhombus. It ends with the defying "Thank You."



# Santa's Gone Memory Remains

date for the first social held at Bishop Ford and it was received with Fordism (school spirit). The cafeteria was turned into a Christmas Hall, truly a credit to the taste and imagination of the decorating committee and the Brothers who were involved as

Most of the girls' schools from the area were invited to their school for the dance. Music at the dance was supplied by the "Terriers" whose fifteen piece orchestra proved more than adequate. During the evening there were numerous dance contests including a twist and a hula contest for the girls. Lovely Alicia Dowdell from Saint Saviour's H.S. took top honors in the latter.

The evening did not pass without a visit from Santa Claus. The rolly man in red and white bubbled into the middle of the dance floor and presented the winners of the contests with their awards. It was generally agreed by all, that few present had realized that Santa was so tall.

Brother Gratian and the Student

Sunday, December 22, was the ganizing the finest dance that we have had at Ford thus far. The next date for whirling mirth has been set for Cupid Day on February 14.

### Off Broadway In The Wings

Another addition to the ever widening program of extra-curricular activities has been the formation of a Dramatics Club. Under the direction of Mr. Hynoski, Mr. Clifford and Mr. Aylward, the club has been meeting regularly for some time now. This activity will endeavor to combine education with the discipline of logic and oration. The primary purpose, however, is to provide enjoyment for the participants.

At present there are quite a few students who are enrolled, but the moderators are hoping that there will be more who will take an interest. In order to join, a student need not be skilled, but merely demonstrate some Council deserve our gratitude for or- talent and a willingness to work.

#### WHAT JOHNNY **READS:**

THE SHOES OF THE FISHERMAN, West, Morris L., The Shoes of the Fisherman, Morrow & Co., 1963

West's novel is his second best seller in the United States, although Several other works received favorable attention on the continent. His works generally deal with personalities in the Church as does this one. His insight into the governmental operations of the Catholic Church, as well as interest in recent, if not wholly accepted trends, might be attributed to the many years of study which he made in preparation to become a teaching Brother. Prior to taking vows, West chose the life of an author instead of Religion.

This novel depicts the election of a Pope and the first crucial months of a man who is called upon to wear "The Shoes of a Fisherman." West's Pope is by no means conventional. He is Krill I, Russian-born, who for seventeen years was a Communist prisoner and learned through scares and hardships a knowledge about suffering humanity.

At first the novel presents only fictional people. It is only when West depicts the weakness of his personalities that the reader can develop keen interest. West writes with the purpose. He wants to show that Catholicism does not make a Pope a demigod, or necessarily a saint, but rather the vessel, sometimes very weak, through which Christ governs His Eternal Church. West succeeds.

At a time when so much public attention is placed upon the person of Peter and the Church in general, Catholics would -do well to remind themselves that the humanity of the Church only adds to the glory of the Founder. The Shoes of the Fisherman would serve as this reminder.

#### Glee Club Makes Christmas Debut



Due to the hard work of its 51 members and the proficiency of its Director, Mr. Lemedica, the Glee Club made its debut on December 20 at the Christmas assembly. The overwhelming success of their performance was a milestone which crowned their arduous preparation. The next major performance is scheduled for the school dedication which will be announced by His Excellency, Bryan J. McEntegart.

Although this first performance was of significant importance, it was only a minor manifestation of their potential. Within the next few years, the Glee club will grace assemblies and institutions, as those for the aged, with both notable and ambitious renditions.

The Glee Club practices in the auditorium on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from three to four o'clock. Interested Falcons should contact the Moderator, Brother Matthias.

### FOLIO



DREW POWERS-101

Planning for the future is no problem for this freshman, because he has everything solved. Upon graduation from Ford, Drew plans to enter Villanova as a pre-med student. Drew is a resident of Saint Anselm's parish and he attended the parish school taught by the Sisters of Notre Dame. At Ford, he is a member of the Science Club and hopes to participate in swimming. Drew says he wants to make a lot of friends while at Ford and is well on his way for cordial relations with the faculty by achieving the highest freshman average in the first quarter.

Ken is the Editor-in-Chief of High Point and has worked very hard to get the newspaper established. He comes to Bishop Ford from Saint Thomas Aquinas on 4th Avenue where Ken was instructed by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. In addition to his journalistic talents, Ken sings with the Glee Club and always maintains an above 80% average. Teaching is his goal in the future and Ken is working to gain College entrance. Ken will make a good



KENNETH TOM-203



EUGENE MUMFORD-112

All rumors to the contrary, Eugene's girlfriend's name is not Sapphire. He comes to Ford from Saint James where he remembers Sister Grace Arthur as a favorite with the boys. He is a born athlete and although a freshman he has earned a berth on the J.V. starting five. His graceful agility makes him a severe opponent, but a delight for all Ford fans.

College is definitely in Eugene's future and he's secretly hoping for a scholarship. Why keep it a secret-Scouts, C'mon down!

Tony is learning that the acceptance of responsibility is not always a glorious experience but can be trying by criticism and frustration. Tony is the President of Student Council at Ford and comes from Saint John the Evangelist. Since he entered politics, he has time for nothing else. Yet he is far from wasting his time if his life's dream comes true. Tony will study law in order to be better prepared to enter public service. Tony feels he has a big ear and can listen to peoples' problems. Ford students should make that ear appreciably bigger.



ANTHONY D'ANNA-206